

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please add the following paragraphs to line 2 on page 6 of the specification before the title "Other Embodiments" and after the sentence ending with "local blood flow.".

A method of delivering a nitric oxide releasing substance selected from a member of the group consisting of L-arginine, L-arginine salts and L-arginine derivatives, to skin comprising the step of topically applying to the skin a delivery vehicle for the substance, said delivery vehicle containing an effective amount of the substance, and a concentration of ionic salt sufficient to create a hostile biophysical environment which causes the substance to migrate from the delivery vehicle to the skin where the substance is absorbed by tissue wherein [a] said delivery vehicle comprises water (20-80%), mineral oil (3-18%), glyceryl stearate (0.5-12%), squalene (0.2-12%), cetyl alcohol (0.1-11%), propylene glycol stearate (0.1-11%), wheat germ oil (0.1-6%), glyceryl stearate (0.1-6%), isopropyl myristate (0.1-6%), stearyl stearate (0.1-6%), polysorbate 60 (0.1-5%), propylene glycol (0.05- 5%), tocopherol acetate (0.5-5%), collagen (0.05-5%), sorbitan stearate (0.05-5%), vitamin A&D (0.02%-4%), triethanolamine (0.01-4%), methylparaben (0.01-4%), aloe vera extract (0.01-

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4%), imidazolidinyl urea (0.01-4%), propylparaben (0.01-4%), bha (0.01-4%), L-arginine hydrochloride (0.25% to 25%), sodium chloride (0.025% to 25%), and magnesium chloride (0.25% to 25%) is applied to the skin.

A method of treating impotence in a male comprising delivering a nitric oxide releasing substance selected from a member of the group consisting of L-arginine, L-arginine salts and L-arginine derivatives, to skin comprising the step of topically applying to the penis a delivery vehicle for the substance, said delivery vehicle containing an effective amount of substance, and a concentration of ionic salt sufficient to create a hostile biophysical environment which causes the substance to migrate from the vehicle to the penis where the substance is absorbed by tissue wherein [a] said delivery vehicle comprises water (20-80%), mineral oil (3-18%), glyceryl stearate (0.5-12%), squalene (0.2-12%), cetyl alcohol (0.1-11%), propylene glycol stearate (0.1-11%), wheat germ oil (0.1-6%), glyceryl stearate (0.1-6%), isopropyl myristate (0.1-6%), stearyl stearate (0.1-6%), polysorbate 60 (0.1-5%), propylene glycol (0.05- 5%), tocopherol acetate (0.5-5%), collagen (0.05-5%), sorbitan stearate (0.05-5%), vitamin A&D (0.02%-4%), triethanolamine (0.01-4%), methylparaben (0.01-4%), aloe vera extract (0.01-4%), imidazolidinyl urea (0.01-4%), propylparaben (0.01-4%), bha (0.01-4%), L-arginine hydrochloride (0.25% to 25%), sodium chloride (0.025% to 25%), and magnesium chloride (0.25% to 25%) is applied to the penis.

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